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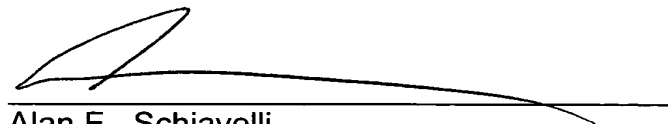
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Patent Application No. 10317757.4 filed in Germany on April 17, 2003 and 10337980.0 filed in Germany on August 19, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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